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Letter dated 15 June 2009 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i., of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I wish to refer to certain baseless allegations raised against, and some unwarranted references made to, the Islamic Republic of Iran at the 6142nd meeting of the Security Council, held on 15 June 2009, and to state the following in this regard:

1. As the realities on the ground as well as the various reports of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), including the most recent one issued on 5 June 2009, demonstrate, and as we have stressed time and again, the nuclear programme of the Islamic Republic of Iran has been, is and will remain absolutely peaceful. This programme has never had, nor will it ever have, any military dimensions and, therefore, any allegations to the contrary, including those made in today's meeting of the Council, are totally groundless.

2. Certain members of the Security Council, namely the United States, the United Kingdom, France and Mexico, preferred to apply a selective approach in their statements at the said meeting of the Council to the IAEA's reports, including the most recent one, and unjustifiably cherry picked some parts of the IAEA reports and misused it out of context in order to manipulate the discussions in the Council and to mislead the Council members as well as world public opinion. That is, they failed, among other things, to mention that the same IAEA reports attest to the exclusively peaceful nature of the nuclear programme of the Islamic Republic of Iran both in the past and at present.

3. The latest IAEA report yet again demonstrates the fact that Iran's nuclear programme has been and continues to be exclusively peaceful and that Iran has been fully committed to its obligations under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and the IAEA Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement. The said report also confirms, like the previous IAEA reports, that Iran's nuclear activities are under continuous inspection by the IAEA and stresses that, for instance, "Since March 2007, 26 unannounced inspections have been conducted at FEP [Fuel Enrichment Plant]" and that "the Agency continues to verify the non-diversion of declared nuclear material in Iran".

4. The full implementation of the workplan which was concluded between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the IAEA in August 2007, and thus the

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resolution and closure of all six outstanding issues, has undoubtedly removed any so-called concerns or ambiguities with regard to Iran's peaceful nuclear activities in the past and at present. The conclusion and implementation of the said workplan was only possible through Iran's sincere and robust cooperation with IAEA, which went far beyond its treaty obligations.

5. The reference made by the delegation of the United States to the recent elections in the Islamic Republic of Iran was totally irrelevant and unjustifiable. We reject such an unacceptable move that is against the fundamental principles of international law and is a clear example of interference in internal affairs of other countries.

I would be grateful if you could bring the present letter to the attention of the Council members and to have it circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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